

FARMERS GATHER HERE TO-DAY FOR BIG CONVENTION

Thousands of Sturdy Virginians Coming to Institute, Which Opens To-Morrow Morning.

Farmers Looking Forward to Reunion in Richmond

Hon. T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville, manager of a large experiment farm at that place widely known as a progressive dairyman and general farmer, said yesterday in speaking of the coming institute, of which he is president:

"I find the members of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute and the agricultural masses generally are anticipating great pleasure in having a reunion in Richmond. We are under many obligations to Roanoke for past courtesies, and we will be to Richmond after this meeting. Our farmers fully understand her great generosity on this occasion, and I know Richmond will share with Roanoke the good will of our people."

From every part of the State come reports that Virginia farmers are preparing to make the institute which opens in the Jefferson auditorium at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, the most interesting, as well as the most largely attended session yet held. Roanoke's meeting last year reached the high-water mark of attendance thus far, over 5,000 active farmers being registered. From the present outlook the record will be easily eclipsed this time, as many who were assembled last year have signified their intention of coming again, while Eastern Virginia farmers who have not yet had an opportunity of seeing a State institute are planning to come in large numbers to the Richmond meeting.

Interest taken by the State Department in the program of members of the board and of Commissioner Kolner are adding much to the importance of the institute, while many are attracted by the proposed visit to the Currier's Neck and other near-by model farms, the sight of which will be an inspiration to itself.

Experts to Speak. The gathering of this year will be the fifth annual session of the institute, and the program announced includes some of the most able speakers who could be secured—men who are specialists in some department of agriculture, in dairying, in stock-raising, in fruit-growing, and in the kindred branches of the great science of farming.

The session opens in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and will be called to order by President Sandy, the invocation being delivered by the Rev. Thomas Semmes, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by the Governor and the Mayor of the city, and responses will be made by ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, honorary president of the institute, and on behalf of the farmers by Hon. John W. Churchman, president of the State Board of Agriculture, and member of the Legislature from Augusta county.

The president's address will be delivered by Mr. Sandy, and there will be addresses at this session by Dr. Paul B. Barringer, president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg; Hon. G. W. Kolner, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Hon. Henry C. Stuart, president of the Virginia State Association, and a prominent candidate for Governor of Virginia.

At afternoon and evening sessions to-morrow various phases of agriculture will be discussed from many points of view, and in three sessions on Wednesday the institute will discuss such subjects as farm business organization, alfalfa growing, tobacco raising, sheep husbandry, the use of commercial fertilizers, horse breeding, dairy farming and highway improvement. The night session on Wednesday will be given over to the reports of committees, the election of officers, and the transaction of other business.

Trip Down River. On Thursday there will be an excursion on the James River, at which time all members of the institute will be the guests of the city of Richmond on steamers going down as far as Westover. A stop of some hours will be made at the famous plantation of Charles F. Smith, of New Kent, a place which has been the scene of the most handsomely improved plantation in Virginia. Luncheon will be served on the boats.

Any farmer in the State of Virginia is eligible to membership in the institute on payment of a per year fee. Many of those who will be in attendance will bring with them specimens of crops for exhibition in the meeting hall. Dr. S. W. Fletcher, the director of the State Experiment Station, will make an exhibit of agricultural products and appliances, and will have on hand insect-spraying apparatus, and various other objects of special interest to farmers, horticulturists and fruit growers.

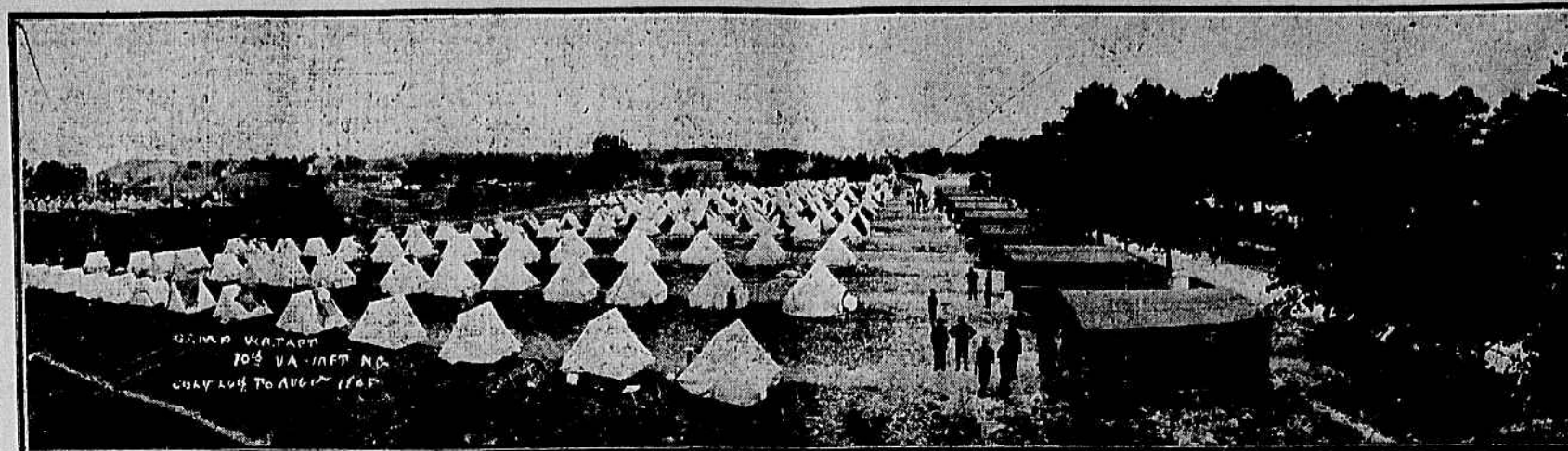
SQUABBLE OVER THEATRE RESULTS IN ARRESTS

H. T. Rainey and Joseph Rainey, who were arrested twice on Saturday last on charges of disturbing the peace, were charged today with trespassing on the premises of the Grand Theatre, a popular resort at No. 706 West Broad Street.

It is said that H. T. Rainey and Palmer were formerly in the theatre in the theatre, and that the latter had been in the theatre in the theatre. While he was away, Palmer declares, Rainey sold the theatre to his brother, and that Palmer returned admittance was refused to him, but he came back later and fastened all the doors. The Rainey brothers, it is alleged, broke the locks and entered, and were arrested and released on \$500 bail. They returned, it is further alleged, and broke into the place again. They were rearrested, and released again on \$100 bail. After the first arrest, Palmer got out his revolver and shot at the Rainey brothers on the street by one of the Rainey's, who, it is said, struck at him. Palmer refused to strike in return, but was prevented by his lawyer. He desisted and went on his way.

After their rearrest and their second release on bail, the Rainey brothers went back and opened the place, running a vaudeville in lieu of the moving pictures, operation of which had been made impossible by the removal of the machine. Palmer has already entered suit for damages in the chancery court, and has employed counsel.

WHERE VIRGINIA TROOPS SPENT STRENUOUS DAYS AT CHICKAMAUGA



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HOBSON RETURNS, READY TO TESTIFY

Councilman Declares Murder of Baby Vaughan at City Home Was Outrageous.

Regretting that he had not been present to take part in the investigation conducted by the Committee on Relief of the Poor, Mr. Graham Hobson, a member of that committee, stated last night in a talk over the long distance telephone from Atlanta, that the conditions at the City Home which permitted the murder of Baby Vaughan were outrageous and disgraceful. Mr. Hobson has been away from the city a month, but will return to-morrow. He has been subpoenaed as a witness to appear before the grand jury, but has not yet been summoned. It is not likely that he will be called upon to testify before the middle of the week, as several members of the committee have already been examined, and to-day the grand jury will have before it only the nurses and other women in charge of the City Home Hospital.

Expect Indictment. Mr. Hobson's view of the situation is one which has been very generally shared, and to which pretty general expression has been given.

It is firmly believed, however, that the inquiry as conducted by the grand jury will result in something more material than anything that has yet been accomplished, though a coroner's jury and the Council committee have both sat upon the case. The coroner's jury delved more deeply into the affair than the grand jury, and it was upon its findings that the two subsequent investigations followed.

That there will be an indictment seems now to be pretty generally believed. It is even suggested who the grand jury will be. Other facts leading up to and surrounding the mysterious killing of Baby Vaughan have been discovered, and they strengthen suspicions that have already been expressed.

The grand jury will convene at 10 o'clock this morning, and will continue its work into the afternoon. There will probably be afternoon sessions hereafter until the matter is disposed of. In the meantime the case is being watched with unabated interest.

FIRE AT NEGRO SIX TIMES AND HIT HIM ONCE. John Martin, colored, got into a quarrel after 4 o'clock yesterday morning while drunk, and was shot through the left side of the neck. He fell, screaming to the ground. Six shots were fired, four in the back and two in the side. The wound is dangerous. The bullet ranged downward, and is still lodged in the body.

DR. McGUIRE AND PARTY TO MAKE LONG JOURNEY IN AUTO

Dr. Stuart McGuire will leave Richmond this morning in his steam touring car for an extended tour. In the car will be a number of well-known summer resorts. His route lies directly from Richmond to the Virginia Hot Springs, where he will be a guest during the session of the State Bar Association. After this McGuire is expected to make a change, but the amount of ineffectual discussion which has gone on between the committee and the grand jury indicates in no uncertain way that the original plan cannot be carried out with the present fund.

PACKAGES OF COCAINE IN NEGRO'S HATBAND

Earl Wilson, colored, was arrested on Saturday night by Police Officer Duffy on a charge of having cocaine in his possession with intent to sell. He was searched at Twenty-second and Main Streets, where he was caught, and three packages of the drug were found in his possession. They were hidden away in his hatband. Wilson claims that the little envelopes were put there by another man, and that he did not know what they contained.

Caught Riding Trains. W. C. Wilson, a white man, and James Fountain, a negro, were placed on Saturday night by Police Officer Duffy on a charge of trespassing on the property of the railroads. Wilson was brought in by Detective Dunnington, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, and Fountain by Officer J. V. Light, of the Chesapeake and Ohio. Both men were caught riding the trains.

Will Tour Virginia. Mr. John T. Wilson, with several members of his family, will leave Richmond in the next day or two in his automobile for Charlottesville and Staunton. He will visit a number of mountain resorts, making the White Sulphur Springs the objective point of the trip.



Company C, of Richmond, Seventieth Regiment, in camp at Chickamauga. The large picture above shows the camp of the entire regiment. The picture was taken a few days before the boys started for home. The local companies returned to Richmond on Saturday night.

NEGRO INVADES DEATH CHAMBER AND IN WILD FIGHT KNOCKS CORPSE DOWN

SPLIT MAN'S EYE IN ALLEY FIGHT

James Talley Cornered Enemy and Dug Knife Into His Face.

In a fight over a woman in Rline's alley, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second and Main and Franklin Streets, one of the darkest corners in the city, Henry Hardin, pursued from door to door, according to witnesses, was finally cornered by James Talley, and in the following encounter had his left eye split in half. The two struggled for a moment. Talley had the knife out, and dug it into Hardin's face. The injured man broke away and ran into the street, where Officer Duffy grabbed him.

"Who cut you?" he demanded. Hardin pointed out the flying form of Talley, and the policeman gave pursuit. Being fleet of foot and the winner of many races, Talley escaped with his man and captured him in a house but a few blocks away. The negro gave up the knife and admitted having done the stabbing.

"There were three of them trying to beat me," he said, "and I had to defend myself." He was locked up in the First Station.

MAY HAVE TO SACRIFICE NEW W. C. A. AUDITORIUM

With apparently little progress, the committee in charge of arrangements for the new W. C. A. building continues to figure, endeavoring to discover the little envelopes were put there by another man, and that he did not know what they contained.

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Conditions in Important Cities. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)
Place. Weather.
Asheville..... 76 81 Cloudy
Albany..... 80 85 Clear
Buffalo..... 74 78 Clear
Cincinnati..... 82 84 Clear
Detroit..... 78 86 Clear
Hartford..... 78 86 Clear
Jacksonville..... 86 90 Clear
Kansas City..... 90 94 Clear
Memphis..... 82 86 Clear
Mobile..... 80 88 Rain
New Orleans..... 90 94 Rain
Oklahoma City..... 88 92 Clear
Pittsburgh..... 82 86 Clear
Raleigh..... 80 88 Clear
Savannah..... 84 92 Rain
St. Louis..... 86 88 Clear
Tampa..... 84 90 Clear
Washington..... 80 88 Clear
Yellowstone..... 78 82 Clear

Miniature Almanac. August 2, 1908.
Sun rises..... 5:16
Sun sets..... 7:16
Moon sets..... 11:57

Mourners Rally After Fierce Struggle and Drive Intruder From Place—Arrested While Sleeping Off.

Filled with red-eye corn and a few gin shots, Steven Peterson, colored, got reckless late on Saturday night and determined to cut a swath that would forever leave him famous among the East End clans. Sallying forth with unsteady steps and fierce heart, he espied a house on North Thirtieth Street, between O and P, wherein he knew some of his whilom friends were keeping watch over a departed brother. He peeped in at the party of mourners. The sight did not appease the anger in his own heart against the world, and he put his shoulder to the door. A few shoves, and he leaped into the hall and into the room where the body lay stretched on its bier.

Knocked Corpse Down. "Lawdy," ejaculated some one and made for an open window. Others, with strident cries of terror turned out to gaze upon the intruder, but fled inconspicuously into the street. Still others stayed by the deceased, and Peterson went into them pell-mell, working his fist like a ramrod. He fought like a tiger and finally reached the side of the bier. Perhaps he had once borne some grudge against the dead man, perhaps it was only the red-eye working strangely within him. At any rate, he struck out, and knocked the corpse to the floor. The night watch was paralyzed for a moment, but to prevent further desecration, returned to the fray with redoubled ardor.

The infuriated negro smote his best, but was outdone, and when the blows began to rain too heavily and thickly about his person, he sought refuge through the door by which he had entered. He escaped, and was soon out of sight.

A Case of Blows. But some time back in his history Peterson had dug the pit which was to lead to his downfall. There was one among his former friends who discovered that Peterson had not been able to get home, that he had spent the night on a nearby porch, and that yesterday morning he was still slumbering peacefully, dreaming of other victories to come.

Now's my chance, thought this friend to himself, and he sent word to two officers where the rabid man could be found. The officers arrived, and Steven was still asleep. He tried to resist, but the light and the red-eye had gone out of him, and there was no strength left.

"Steve," said the give-away friend, walking up to the negro as he was struggling in the arms of the officers. "You blowed on me once, and sent me to jail. You blowed on me, of man. Now I done blowed back."

THE WEATHER. Forecasts: Virginia—Fair and warmer Monday; Tuesday fair, light south winds. North Carolina—Local showers Monday and probably Tuesday, except fair Monday, in central and northeast portions; light east to southeast winds.

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LOST MONEY AND HER TICKET HOME

Young Woman, in Desperate Plight, Goes to Associated Charities for Help.

Miss D. Wolfe, of No. 526 Barry Street, Baltimore, Md., lost a silver pocketbook containing three \$1 bills and a railroad ticket to her home yesterday morning. She had just bought the ticket, and was walking up Seventh Street toward Main, when she dropped it. The \$2 was all the money she had. Having paid her board bill, she thought it would be enough to last her until she got home. Some one gave her 10 cents, and an officer took her to the Associated Charities, whence she will be sent to Baltimore to-day.

PISTOLS AND KNIVES FIGURE IN SUNDAY MORNING PROMENADE

Willie Lunsford, colored, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of being disorderly and firing a pistol in the street. He was caught by Police Officer Thomas with a gun on each hip.

Officer Toot found occasion to arrest Courtney Spruell, colored, but the latter declined to move with proper celerity, and offered to put up a flat argument. The debate was short, and the negro was locked up for interfering with and resisting the officer.

Ben Dixon, colored, became angered with James Fox, and went after him with a knife. His name also was placed on the Second Station blotter.

SMITH MURDER TRIAL GOES OVER FOR FOURTH TIME

Owing to the illness of Commonwealth's Attorney Julian Gunn, the trial of Silas Smith for the murder of William Murphy on March 15th, which was to begin in the Henrico Circuit Court this morning, will be postponed by Judge Scott for the fourth time. As this term of court is almost over it is probable that the case will not come to trial now until some time in October. One of the witnesses for the defense is also sick and probably would not be able to testify even were the case called to-day.

Governor Returns To-Day. Governor Swanson will return to-day from Norfolk, where he has been inspecting one of the proposed sites for the State rifle range. Another meeting of the committee will probably decide upon the location of the range.

Persons and Briefs. Miss Imogene Gregory, Mrs. J. M. Gregory and Mr. Thurlow Gregory returned yesterday from a visit of several days to Buckroe Beach.

Husband Under Arrest; Wife Seeks Separation. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2.—Divorce proceedings are the sequel of the elopement from Washington of Edward M. Hobson and Mrs. Raymond Kyle. Hobson is accused of embezzling a pretty amount, but sufficient to constitute a penitentiary offense, and is now under arrest and held by the United States commissioner in New York. He will be brought back here for trial. Mrs. Hobson will sue for divorce, and the custody of her children.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Man Charged With Beating and Attempting to Strangle Wife. Mr. Jones Dead.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street. J. T. Bartlam, living at No. 117 West Fourteenth Street, was arrested by the Police of Police, Lipscomb about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon on the charge of beating and attempting to strangle his wife.

The warrant was sworn out by Mrs. Bartlam, who alleged that her husband had not only struck, but had choked her. It is said that she gave evidence of the greatest kind, and that she handled when the police arrived at her home.

Bartlam intimated that a boarder at the house which followed. He was in an ill temper and made a poor impression on the Chief of Police. Bartlam is said to have created a great disturbance upon reaching his home. He will be tried in the Police Court to-day.

Other Court Cases. Thomas Clarke, a negro, wanted in this city for non-support, gave himself up to the authorities yesterday afternoon, coming over from Richmond in company with his attorney.

Abram Barnes, a negro, was arrested yesterday on a charge of drunkenness. His case will come up in the Police Court to-morrow.

Charles Gibson, a white man, became alternately disorderly and penitent yesterday, for which reasons he was placed under arrest. It seems that Gibson had been taken suddenly and violently drunk. He will appear before Mayor Maurice to-day.

Sudden Death of Mr. Jones. Mr. John W. Jones, of No. 507 Decatur Street, died unexpectedly at his home at 8:30 o'clock last night. He was about thirty-seven years old, and is survived by his widow.

Mr. Jones was not thought by his friends to be in any immediate danger. Saturday night his condition became sudden, and he was a lifelong resident of Manchester.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been announced.

Manterful Stroke. According to testimony from those most familiar with circumstances surrounding the case, a few days past, Mr. Jones was not thought by his friends to be in any immediate danger. Saturday night his condition became sudden, and he was a lifelong resident of Manchester.

When Mayor Maurice inquired into the cause of the alteration, he could learn nothing, and for once actions spoke louder than words.

Mr. Jones was in the front of the judgment seat. Her arms were folded, and she spoke "no word to no man."

The right stout bloody Mary, with her cranium draped in flannel and with a hole in the posterior region of a fractured skull, was in the front of the judgment seat.

The court gazed on the twin, inclined the scales of justice in favor of Mary.

Maria was required to deposit a \$5 fine, after which she removed herself to her domicile.

Very Large Congregations. Two very large congregations attended morning and afternoon services in the Sunday-school building of the new Methodist Church, at Decatur and Ninth Streets, yesterday.

The Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, presiding elder, officiated at both hours, and his discourses were greatly enjoyed.

Owing to the fact that the new church building has not yet been completed, and that lights have not been installed in the Sunday-school, there were no services at night.

Baptist Sunday-Schools. The Baptist Sunday-School Association of Richmond and Manchester will meet with the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church school next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the joint organizations will be addressed by eminent ministers.

The meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Bainbridge Street Church and a large attendance from both cities is expected.

Sluggers Loe to Grays. One of the fastest games of the season was pulled off in Manchester on Saturday afternoon between the rival ball teams known as the Sluggers and the Grays. The Grays won by a score of 4 to 0.

The game was the last of a series of three, each team having won and lost alternately.

A large crowd witnessed the contest, which was pulled off on the Grays' diamond. Many ladies were present with fans, not all of which were painted.

COUNCIL, HEARING DEATH, RUSHING TO FINISH WORK

Probable That Several Extra Meetings Will Have to be Called This Month; Important Matters Up.

Must Do This in One Month or Leave Undone

On the calendar of the Common Council, which goes out of office this month, are many matters of more or less importance. Among those in which considerable public interest have been displayed are the following, and Council has one month in which to do these things or leave them undone:

Make appropriation for the raising of Lester Street.

Adopt plans for combustion building for the Blues' Army and market-house.

Agree to acquisition by the city of docks and wharves.

Provide for the protection and new buildings for the public school system.

Reduce the cost of gas from present price, \$1.

Repay and otherwise repair Dock Street.

Appropriate money for new enclosures to Riverview and Mt. Calvary Cemeteries.

Act on compromise measure in electrolysis matter.

According to schedule, when President Peters declares the meeting to-night adjourned the present Common Council, as a body, dies. With it also goes all the work now in the hands of the various committees, which cannot be disposed of before the end. Thus the new order of things will start out with a clean card, so that sins either of omission or commission perpetrated before the first day of September cannot be laid at its doors. Unless, however, the Council does a vast amount of work in a much shorter time than is its wont, it will probably be found necessary to call several extra meetings during this month, and therefore to-night's session cannot be said to be "absolutely the last appearance."

Important Matters. Of the several matters to come before the Council to-night the most important is the question of allowing appropriation for the extra work on the settling basin to the amount of \$5,344.40, the expenditure of this amount is heartily commended by the Council by the Committee on Water.

Every effort will be made to get the measure through and signed by the Mayor before the new Council takes up the reins of municipal government.

It will probably be passed, notwithstanding considerable opposition.

The special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which is called for 6 o'clock in the evening, will take up the Blues' armory and market-house proposition, which has passed the Common Council by a vote of 25 to 2. Indications are that the Board will lose little time in adopting the measure by a larger majority.

Mayor Still Objects. According to the Mayor's letter, it is almost certain that he will veto the ordinance for the second time. In fact, the majority of the members of Council are of the opinion that they will return the paper without giving it any further consideration than was made known in his veto, in which he expressed opposition to it not only on account of the fact that the original measure was passed illegally, but because he does not favor the construction of a market-house and armory. The Common Council supported him in his first veto, as a result of the opinion of the City Attorney, who also held that there was a legal flaw in the measure.

Having been remedied the Council will in all probability ignore the further objections of the Mayor. All possible effort will be made to get the ordinance through before September 1st.

Charged With Theft. Joe Davidson was arrested on Saturday evening on a charge of having stolen a pair of shoes valued at \$2.50 from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company.

D. Landi was arrested on a charge of having stolen two and a half bushels of potatoes from Jesse Gales.

Joe Scott, a colored stable boy, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving.

Pythians of Country GATHERING IN BOSTON. BOSTON, MASS., August 2.—Knights of Pythias and Pythian sisters are passing through the city on their way to every train. Every train is met by a committee of guides from both orders, who look after their brethren and sisters and direct them to the quarters assigned to them.

Major-General A. J. Stobart gave out to his orders for the military parade on Tuesday. The brigades will march in the order of seniority of the brigade commanders, Illinois having the right of line, under Brigadier-General James N. Barker.

Carolina, South Carolina, District of Columbia and Maryland, under Brigadier-General Daniel J. Turner.

The military camp for the uniformed rank, Franklin Pike, is a model of sanitation and military discipline. There are 4,000 tents. One day's supply of food for the 8,000 men includes 5,000 steaks, 2,000 cantaloupes, 3,000 pounds roast beef, 1,000 dozen eggs, 5,000 pounds ham and 10,000 pounds of fish, with other "fixins."

CLASH BETWEEN NIGHT RIDERS AND TROOPS HOURLY EXPECTED. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LOUISVILLE, KY., August 2.—With three permanent camps of soldiers established at three railroad stations—Gracey, Cerulean Springs and Otter Pond—where depots were recently burned by night riders, the situation in West Kentucky is at present at fever heat. An outbreak between the militia and night riders is expected at any moment.

The night riders are not strictly confined to Western Kentucky. In the northern part of the State two bands have been burned, a growing crop destroyed and a man severely whipped.

Visiting in Taylorville. Miss Frances and Burnice Purdie, daughters of Squire J. A. Purdie, of No. 404 West Marshall Street, are visiting in Taylorville, Va. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stone, with whom they will spend a week.